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SUBJECT: TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN AUSTRIA

REF: VIENNA 8046 (NOTAL)

1. DURING THEIR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 28, WALTER WODAK, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN OFFICE, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL DISCUSSED THE TERRORIST OPERATION THEN BEING ENACTED AT SCHWECHAT AIRPORT NEAR VIENNA. MR. STOESEL DESCRIBED THE US POLICY CONCERNING SUCH TERRORIST THREATS. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE SOLUTION OF THE CURRENT CRISIS WAS, OF COURSE, A MATTER FOR AUSTRIAN DETERMINATION, HE EXPRESSED OUR HOPE THAT THE AUSTRIANS WOULD REMAIN FIRM AND WOULD RESIST ANY UNNECESSARY "EXPORTATION OF THE PROBLEM TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

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2. MR. WODAK REPLIED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE AUSTRIANS AGREE THAT IT IS PREFERABLE TO HANDLE SUCH MATTERS FIRMLY, THEY ALSO DO NOT WANT TO RISK THE LIVES OF INNOCENT HOSTAGES IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF RESCUING THEM.

3. THE AUSTRIANS ACCEPTED WITH APPRECIATION MR. STOESEL'S OFFER OF ADVICE AND INFORMATION FROM AMBASSADOR HOFFACKER, THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY AND COORDINATOR FOR COMBATING TERRORISM (S/CCT). KISSINGER

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